

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Indulis Gruzins  
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PRODUCTION THEREOF

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**SUBMITTED WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for Letters Patent and in response to the Office Action dated June 1, 2005, for which a response was due on or before September 1, 2005, and for which a petition for a 3 month extension of time is attached hereto, please enter and consider the following Amendment and Remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.10

I hereby certify that this New Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label No. EV 544766117 US to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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